

**Programme for expert meeting on
“General grants vs. earmarked grants:
theory and practice”
(policies of grants to subcentral governments)**

Location: Ministry of Finance Christiansborg Slotsplads 1. “Rentekammersalen”.

Thursday 17.

9:00 - 9:20 Registration and coffee.

Session 1.

Chair: Niels Jørgen Mau

9:20 – 09:30 Welcome.

(1) Niels Jørgen Mau, Ministry of Interior and Social affairs

09:30 - 09:35 Introduction.

(2) Junghun Kim, KIPF

I. Issues and the actual development

(Introductions max 15 min., discussants max 10 min. each, remaining time for brief comments and questions.)

9:35 – 10:15

(3) Anwar Shah, World Bank:

“Sponsoring a race to the top: The case for results-based intergovernmental finance for Merit Goods”

Discussants: Niels Jørgen Mau and Enid Slack

10:15 – 10:55

(4) Richard Bird, Canada:

“Earmarked grants and accountability in government”

Discussants: Jens Blom Hansen and Paul Andrews

10:55 – 11:45

(5) HansJoerg Bloechliger and Camila Vammalle, OECD:

“Intergovernmental grants in OECD countries: Trends and some policy issues.”

Discussant: Jorgen Lotz and Lars Erik Borge

11:45 – 12:40 Lunch

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12:40 – 13:20

(6) Speaker: Roy Bahl, USA:

“Conditional vs. unconditional grants in a developing country setting.”

Discussant: Anwar Shah and Hermansson

13:20 – 14:00

(7) Junghun Kim, Korea:

“General grants vs earmarked grants: does practice meet theory?”

Discussant: Richard Bird and Anton Matzinger

14:00 - 14:40

(8) Speaker: Lars Erik Borge, Norway:

“Block grants and earmarked grants: The Norwegian experience”

Discussant: Giorgio Brosio and Hyun-A Kim

Session 2.**Chair: Junghun Kim**

(Introductions max 15 min., discussants max 10 min., remaining time for brief comments and questions.)

The federal countries

14:40 – 15:10

(9) Speaker: Anton Matzinger, Austria:

“Intergovernmental transfers in a federal context - the case of Austria.”

Discussant Mikolaj Steszewski

15:10 – 15:20 Break.

15:20 – 15:50

(10) Speaker: Niels Otter, Germany:

“Structure and developments of the grant system in Germany.”

Discussant Sole-Olle

15:50 – 16:20

(11) Speaker: Enid Slack, Canada:

“Provincial-local fiscal transfers in Canada: Provincial control trumps local accountability”

Discussant Roy Bahl

Eastern Europe and Korea

16:20 – 16:50

(12) Speaker: Hyun-A Kim, Korea

“The contemporary needs of general and earmarked grants in Korea: An assessment”

Discussant Antti Moisio

16:50 – 17:20

(13) Speaker: Mikolaj Steszewski, Poland:

“Intergovernmental transfers in Poland”

Discussant: Hessel Boerboom

19:15 Dinner.

Tivoli garden: Restaurant Påfuglen.

Friday 18.

Session 3.

Chair: Jørgen Lotz

(Introductions max 15 min., discussants max 10 min., remaining time for brief comments and questions.)

The Nordic countries.

9:20 – 9:50

(14) Speaker: Antti Moisio, Finland:

“Aiming to offset local cost disadvantages: The case of Finland”

Discussant Giorgio Brosio

9:50 – 10:20

(15) Speaker: Andreas Hermansson, Sweden:

“Specific and general grants in Sweden - what has occurred after the grant reform of the 1990's?” (title may be subject to change)

Discussant HansJoerg Bloechiger

10:20 – 10:50

(16) Speaker: Grete Lilleschulstad/Karen Byrhagen, Norway

“Financing the municipalities and counties in Norway – Specific grants vs. block grants”

Discussant Nils Otter

10:50-11:00 Break.

11:00-11:30

(17) Speaker: Niels Jørgen Mau, Denmark:

“Grant design in Denmark. A normative composite index?”

Discussant Richard Bird

Europe.

11:30 - 12:00

(18) Speaker: Hessel Boerboom/Peter Huigsloot, Netherlands

“General grants and general earmarked grants in the Netherlands”

Discussant Grete Lilleschulstad

12:00 - 13:00 lunch

13:00 – 13:30

(19) Paul Andrews, UK

“General grants and specific grants in England - An increase in flexibility since 1997”

Discussant Jorgen Lotz

13:30 – 14:00

(20) Speaker: Solé-Ollé Spain

“Inter-governmental transfers to local governments in Spain: an assessment of their virtues and perils”

Discussant Roy Bahl

14:00 – 14:30

(21) Speaker: Giorgio Brosio. Italy

“Conditional intergovernmental transfers in Italy after the constitutional reform of 2001”

Discussant Jens Blom Hansen

What did we learn?

14:30 – 14:55

(22) Junghun Kim: Concluding observations

Free discussion

15:30 – 17:00 LGDK reception.

Bus leaves from meeting rooms at 15:10

(The address to LDGD is: *Weidekampsgade 10, 2300 Copenhagen S*).